

**BEDFORD WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 08, 2009**

PRESENT: Mr. Rick Hattin, Chair
Mr. Lem Murphy, Vice Chair
Dr. Sankar Ray
Ms. Lynn Davis
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Ms. Kate Hadden
Mr. Quentin Hill

STAFF: Ms. Sandra T. Riley, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 11, 2009

MOVED By Sankar Ray, seconded by Lynn Davis, that the minutes of March 11, 2009 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Addition:

- 8.1 Andrew Bone - Notice of Public Workshop: Bedford Waterfront Urban Design Study
- 8.2 Model of Total Phosphorus levels in the lakes of the Paper Mill Watershed (update)

MOVED By Sankar Ray, seconded by Lynn Davis, that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

4. BUSINESS ARISING/DEFERRED BUSINESS:

4.1 Possible Merger of the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board and the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board (Update)

The Chair did a brief update, stating that they had a presentation with a representative from the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board and a motion was carried to appoint two members from each Advisory Board to review and make recommendations to their individual Terms of Reference, and that each Board make their recommendations for changes to its respective Community Council for approval.

He further advised that HRM is presently doing an evaluation of all Boards and Committees (initiated by Council), and therefore, it would be advisable to await the outcome of this review before continuing this discussion of the merger between the two Boards.

As a result of information from HRM Staff, the BWAB noted that there is a top-down review and that the initiative to adjust the workload of the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board and the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board will be put on hold until this review is complete.

A discussion ensued with the Board discussing the present and future role of the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board, outlining items such as:

- Dartmouth
- Education of the public, effectively, as to the mandate of the BWAB
- The public should be made aware of what the Board has done over the years

- Public awareness of septic fields
- Consideration of a well-water program
- Concern re: water flow when the River is swollen

4.2 Water Quality Testing - Stantec (formerly Jacques Whitford) - Update

The Chair advised the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board that they are to submit their comments to him by April 10, 2009, regarding the report, after which he would forward the comments to Ms. Kate Greene at Stantec.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - NONE

6. STATUS SHEET REVIEW:

6.1 Kearney/Paper Mill Dams

Andrew Bone, Planner 1, gave the Board a brief update, stating that there were no plans to work on the dams this calendar year. Mr. Hattin and Mr. Bone advised that they would make contact regarding this issue.

6.2 Bedford West Water Quality Monitoring Program

Mr. Bone advised that he would contact Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer, for an update on this item.

6.3 Morris Mill Pond – Infill Water Lot

There has been no change to this item.

6.4 Development Agreements at First Reading

Staff advised that there are no current Development Agreements regarding water issues at Council.

6.5 Paper Mill Run - Flooding on Morris Property/Re-Direction of Stream

Previously discussed with Item 6.1

6.6 Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Testing Protocol

Previously discussed with item 6.3

6.7 Union Street Storm Water Management 2006

No new information. To remain on Status Sheet.

7. Planning Services Status Sheet - Update

A number of planning cases were discussed and the committee was advised further information on the status of these items will be provided to the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board members and Staff through the NWCC Status Sheet.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Andrew Bone - Notice of Public Workshop: Bedford Waterfront Urban Design Study

Mr. Andrew Bone circulated a handout to the Board with the above title and a brief discussion ensued. Following a discussion as to whether they should participate in the workshop, the BWAB agreed that Ms. Davis would attend to represent the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board.

8.2 Model of Total Phosphorus levels in the lakes of the Paper Mill Watershed (update)

The Chair updated the Board, advising that he spoke to Rick Scott at Stantec and that he requested a copy of their model of total phosphorus levels in the lakes of the Paper Mill Watershed. A discussion ensued with the Board deciding they will contact Dr. Watt and enquire as to whether he would like to publish this model and results in a Water Journal of his choice.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauss Room, LeBrunCentre.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Sandra T. Riley
Legislative Assistant